

D. REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to an Office Action bearing a mailing date of June 21, 2004. Applicant is appreciative of the constructive review of the disclosure and the comments of the Examiner.

The Applicant has chosen to follow the directive of paragraph 10 of the Detailed Action of the Office communication. Thus the 35USC§103 questions become moot. The following Remarks correspond, where applicable, to the balance of the structure of the Detailed Action.

CONTINUING DATA

An appropriately updated Continuing Data paragraph has been supplied in the Amendment to the Specification, *supra*.

SPECIFICATION

In the Specification, paragraphs 50 and 51 have been amended in the same manner as required in the parent application.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

The rewriting of Claims 1 and 2 in independent form, the restructuring of the dependency of Claims 3 through 8, and the modifying of these claims to remove cited indefinitenesses; now provides Claims 1, and 3 through 8 that are respectfully urged to be in allowable form. The objections of paragraph 5 of the Detailed Action are now believed to be resolved.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35USC§112

The Claim 1, lines 28 and 29, original wording is believed to have occurred as the result of a line of inadvertently omitted text which is now supplied by the Amendment to the Claims. It is respectfully urged that the added language cures the rejection.

The renumbering of the dependency scheme and the changing of film to films are respectfully urged to have cured the balance of the claim rejections pursuant to 35USC§112.

NEW CLAIMS

Claims 11 through 17 have been added to the Application on the following premise. It is urged that the combination of original Claim 1 (corrected to remove indefiniteness) and Claim 4 as presented in new Claim 11 also results in allowable subject matter.

As the claimed restructuring presented in Claim 11 is not claim-language additive, this presentation does not extend the examination process, but only re-forms that which has already been examined.

The prior art does not include the control of zipper blank ambient temperature to enhance the handling of the zipper blank in the manner presented herein. The distortion of zipper blanks - complex plastic extrusions - under high temperature ambient conditions is a technical problem cured by this invention.

Allowability of the Claims 11 through 17 is respectfully urged, as is that of Claims 9 and 10 which now depend from Claim 11.

With the above-recited Amendments incorporated into the Application, it is respectfully urged that the Applicant has responded to each and every objection and rejection and that the Application is now in condition for allowance. An early and favorable review is anticipated.

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